

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Thirtieth Middlesex Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.*

### **Residents of Thirtieth Middlesex Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (728) of these admissions reside in the Thirtieth Middlesex Representative District. 5% (36) of admissions from the Twenty-eighth Middlesex Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Thirtieth Middlesex Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 70% were male and 30% were female.
- 54% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 90% were white non-Latino, 3% were black non-Latino, 5% were Latino, and 3% were other racial categories.
- 70% were never married, 10% were married, and 20% reported not to be married now.
- 24% had less than high school education, 53% completed high school, and 22% had more than high school education.
- 31% were employed.
- 6% were homeless.
- 29% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Thirtieth Middlesex Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	42%	35%	6%	3%	0
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003</b> <b>Thirtieth Middlesex Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	554	449	164	174	113	175	117
<b>FY '96</b>	539	446	158	156	79	163	122
<b>FY '97</b>	660	541	198	155	92	179	128
<b>FY '98</b>	588	462	172	130	83	188	146
<b>FY '99</b>	754	540	188	192	93	315	271
<b>FY '00</b>	683	520	174	155	74	273	225
<b>FY '01</b>	603	412	128	134	53	257	192
<b>FY '02</b>	699	511	165	152	61	275	202
<b>FY '03</b>	728	457	209	164	49	304	235